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In re application of:

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For: ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE,
IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE ELECTRONIC PURSE SYSTEM, IC CARD
TRANSACTION APPARATUS HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED PURSE
IC CARD TRANSACTION SYSTEM HAVING A DOUBLE-STRUCTURED,
PURSE, AND IC CARD APPLICABLE TO THE IC CARD SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

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Sir:

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Japanese Patent Laid-Open Pub. No. HEI 2-205933

A copy of the above-listed information is attached hereto this paper.

The above-listed information is presented so that the Patent and Trademark Office can, in the first instance, determine any materiality thereof to the claimed invention.

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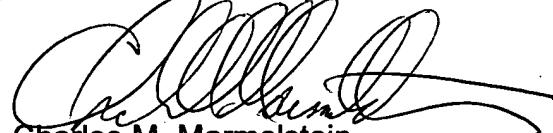
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